

There's something sad and irrevocable about seeing the Old Year out, but there's something so gay and provocative about seeing a New Year in that normally we celebrate the twin event in mellow mood, with the dew of yesterday and the sparkle of tomorrow all mixed together in an emotional cocktail which has intoxicated the human race since the first page was turned on the first calendar.

Man was not made to look backward for long, but always forward—to the new horizon, to the goal not yet achieved and to hopes not yet realized. In that, perhaps, lies our greatest good fortune, for when a New Year is born—no matter how difficult the year just gone may have been—we are given a new birth of confidence, new faith, new dreams, new courage to cope with whatever the little gods may have in store for us.

At the start of 1943, even with the din of war drowning out much of the din of the usual New Year's celebration, we have much to be grateful for, much to renew our faith, much to make us happy, despite the tears we may have shed as loved ones went off to induction centers and as our quiet, peaceful way of life was rudely changed during the months just past.

We have this to be thankful for—that America is still free and will stay free, because we have learned to shoulder the responsibilities as well as to accept the privileges which are part of our democratic heritage.

During most of the year just gone, we tasted bitter defeat—a new experience to our proud America—but having proved that we can take it, we are now dishing it out to Hitler and Hirohito in such fashion that we can look forward to 1943, confident that if we all do our jobs—and all give the best in us—we can win the victory and have peace again in our world.

The New Year will be a momentous year, one of the most momentous in global history; that we know. It will bring setbacks and tragedy; that we must expect. But it will also be the year, we are confident, in which the tables will be turned against our enemies—not necessarily the year which will end the war (although that we may hope for), but certainly the year which will take us far toward the final victory. For that we can truly say, "Forward into Forty-Three!"

Auto License Renewal Office Opens Jan. 2 In Torrance Hotel Bldg.

Starting Saturday morning, Jan. 2, motorists in this vicinity may pay their annual car registration fees at a branch of the State Department of Motor Vehicles established in the Torrance Hotel building at 1879 Carson st., Torrance. The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon and from 1 to 5 p. m.

However, extra hours will be arranged for the convenience of shift workers if this is found necessary. The Torrance Hotel space has been donated for this branch office by James Lynch.

There will be no delay in issuing renewal plates because sufficient steel has been secured to avoid an anticipated lag of several months, the Department of Motor Vehicles announced yesterday.

The first plates will be available from the manufacturer about Jan. 15. Serially numbered receipts will be given applicants and the plates mailed as they arrive.

The Norris Stamping and Manufacturing company of Los Angeles was successful bidder for making the miniature "tab" plates, which fasten over the present plates. Required with mail or personal applications are the 1942 registration card (white slip), showing their present address, together with the amount of the fee in cashiers' check, bank or postal money orders. The amount due for 1943 is shown on the lower left-hand corner of the 1942 registration card.

Many Students Still Employed

Schools reopened Monday for a four-day week and attendance records at Torrance high school indicated many students are still working on vacation jobs, the attendance office reported.

High school absentees Monday totaled 159, more than twice the normal Monday rate. Preliminary checks indicated a majority of those absent were boys, most of them believed still working at their Christmas holiday jobs.

A large number of local students were employed as extra helpers at the postoffice and in stores to help ease a manpower shortage caused by the shift of part-time clerks to full-time war plant jobs.

The schools will close this afternoon for the New Year's holiday and reopen Monday morning, Jan. 4. The mid-term graduation has been set for Jan. 31 at Torrance high school and the second semester will start Monday, Feb. 1. The 1942-43 term is scheduled to end June 25.

ACCIDENTS INCREASE
Night traffic accidents in New York City have increased 19 per cent under present more drastic dimout regulations, according to reports forwarded to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Christmas Eve Rainfall Breaks Long Drouth

Breaking a long drouth which has kept seasonal rainfall far below normal, showers fell last Thursday in Torrance, Lomita and throughout the Southland. The storm was followed Christmas Day with a gusty wind storm that stripped many trees of branches, damaged signs and otherwise disturbed a clear sunshine-bright holiday.

Thursday night's storm which extended throughout the Christmas night was accompanied in some areas by thunder and lightning. It was a welcome Yule present from the elements to farmers depending on rain for their crops.

The rainfall in Torrance amounted to 1.21 inches which brought the total for the season to date up to 2.95 inches as compared with 4.37 at this time last year. The total rainfall for the 1940-41 season in Torrance was 10.66 inches.

The storm gave Lomita and vicinity 1.18 inches of rain, making the total for the season to date 1.72 inches. Last year at this time the total was 5.14 inches and the December average over a 10-year period is 3.33 inches.

Steele Replies to Criticism of Draft Board

In giving a detailed explanation of how the Torrance Selective Service board operates on referrals, Carl Steele, chairman, replied to Water Superintendent William H. Stanger's criticism of Dec. 8 by declaring "I'm satisfied Mr. Stanger was ignorant of the draft board set-up and was not enough interested to appeal the case of one of his men (Gordon F. Arnold) whom we drafted."

Steele told the city council Dec. 22 that Stanger had claimed "it would take five years to train a man to fill the draftee's position but our records show that the man in question had only been on his job with the water department for about a year."

The heads of all city departments are welcome to talk over deferments of key personnel any time with the draft board, Steele asserted, and pointed out that "deferments in any case are obligations of manpower to municipalities or industries for a definite period of time."

Tells Mother's Plea
Commenting on his experience as a member of the Selective Service board since its formation Oct. 12, 1940, the chairman said, "We have found that they all lie to the draft board in seeking..."

All Will Pay Victory Tax, Says Official

"No one is exempt from the government's new 5 per cent tax to be imposed on all earnings above \$624 a year. That is why it is called a Victory Tax—all Americans will share in it."

Nat Rogan, collector of internal revenue here, thus summed up the all-inclusive scope of the new law, to correct an erroneous impression among certain groups that they are not affected by the tax.

"All employees, except agricultural and domestic workers," he said, "will have this tax deducted by their employers from their pay checks at the rate of 5 per cent of their gross wages over \$12 a week.

"Domestic and agricultural workers, and casual laborers, whose pay totals more than \$624 yearly, must pay the 5 per cent early in 1943 when their 1943 income taxes are paid."

"Charitable, educational, religious organizations, and governmental agencies not now withholding employment taxes and whose names are not in our files would communicate with the Office of Internal Revenue, Federal Building, at once. They, too, are included in the Victory Tax program."

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES TAX DEDUCTION

At a special meeting yesterday afternoon, the city council authorized City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to deduct the five per cent Victory tax from all municipal employees' pay starting Jan. 1. The workers will be paid up to and including today without the tax deduction.

Seaman Wissel Reported Missing

Walter Frank Wissel, seaman 1/c, husband of Mrs. Suzanne Wissel of 1415 Marcelina ave., has been reported missing in action by the Navy Department. He had only been in the Navy a short time. Mrs. Wissel, an expectant mother, lives with her sister, Velda Carpenter, operator of the Veg-Art Beauty Shop at the Marcelina ave. address.

Jail Empty Here Most of Christmas

One arrest was made here Christmas Day but the prisoner was released from jail early in the morning so no Yule dinner was served among the behind the bars. Police reported the offender was Birley Whitmore, 31, of Harbor City who was picked up at 12:50 a. m. Christmas morning somewhat the worse for too much celebrating. He was released at 9:55 a. m.

Civilian Defense Corps Called to Meeting

Every man and woman affiliated with the Torrance Civilian Defense corps is expected to attend the first annual meeting of the organization next Tuesday night, Jan. 5, at 7:30 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. Notices will be sent corps members advising them to bring full equipment. Police Chief Stroth, Civilian Defense coordinator, is preparing a program which will feature a demonstration of how the Torrance control board operates.

Here Are Foods To Be Rationed in February

Here are the processed foods to be rationed in February, as listed by the Office of Price Administration:

Canned and bottled fruits and fruit juices (including spiced fruits):

Apples, including crabapples, applesauce, apricots, baby foods, berries, all varieties, cherries, red sour pitted, other cherries, cranberries and sauce, fruits for salad and fruit cocktail, grapefruit, grapefruit juice, grape juice, peaches, pears, pineapple, pineapple juice, all other canned and bottled fruits, fruit juices and combinations.

Canned and bottled vegetables and vegetable juices:

Asparagus, baby foods, beans, fresh lima beans, green and wax beans, all canned and bottled dry varieties, including baked beans, soaked dry beans, pork and beans, kidney beans and lentils, beans, including pickled; carrots, corn, peas, sauerkraut,



PRESIDENT—James Rahl, manager of the Safeway Store, was installed president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club Monday.

Kiwanis Officers Installed Monday At Party Affair

With Logan R. Cotton, past lieutenant-governor, serving as installing officer, new leaders of the Torrance Kiwanis club, headed by James Rahl as president, were inducted at a gala dinner-dance party Monday night at the Woman's clubhouse. "Monty" Montgomery, new lieutenant-governor of this Kiwanis district, was an honor guest.

Members of the Hermosa and El Segundo clubs joined the local service group at the informal affair which was arranged by C. T. Rippey, Byron Scotton and E. E. Murchison. H. C. Barrington was installed as first vice president, and Joe Klink as second vice president.

Other new officers of the club are: Robert Deininger, secretary; Howard Locke, treasurer; Henry Ulbright, sergeant-at-arms; Ryan Dargett, Roy Laughlin, Rippey, Henry Grubb, J. E. Miller, Ray Begue, and Charles McAllister, directors.

200 Food Items to be Rationed; Civilian Supply Cut by Nearly Half

More than 200 kinds of foods, ranging from applesauce to soup, will be strictly rationed under plans the government announced last Sunday night.

With a few exceptions, all canned, frozen and dried fruits and vegetables and soups will require ration coupon "points" for civilian purchase starting in February.

Civilians will have available only a little more than half of the amount of these foods that they have consumed in recent years, Food Administrator Wickard said.

Point System Used
A point system of rationing, similar to England's, will be used by means of the new War Ration Book No. 2. This system was outlined in detail Dec. 10 exclusively in this newspaper. Each individual will have a certain number of points to spend every month. In buying a can of corn, for example, the purchaser will give the grocer a coupon carrying the "point value" fixed for corn at the time of the purchase.

The long list of processed fruits and vegetables thus will

Riviera Wants Separation from L.A. City Schools

Because all of the parents living in Hollywood Riviera wish their children to continue attending Malaga Cove school in the Palos Verdes School District, nearly 100 residents of the suburban Torrance community fronting on the Pacific have petitioned the County Board of Supervisors for a change in the elementary school boundaries. The proposed change would include the homes within the Palos Verdes district and thus withdraw Hollywood Riviera from the Los Angeles City Elementary district. A hearing on the petition will be held in the supervisors' board room Jan. 12 at 10 a. m.

The parents demanding the "divorce" from the Los Angeles district point out that Hollywood Riviera is closer to the Malaga Cove school than to any elementary school in the Torrance area. They also assert that Hollywood Riviera is essentially "a neighborhood of Palos Verdes and that the Boy Scout troop, Junior Red Cross, country club, women's club and Neighborhood Church Sunday School in Palos Verdes all include the children and adults of both communities."

The mutual benefits to Palos Verdes and Hollywood Riviera that would accrue from the proposed change in school boundaries are listed as follows:

Avoid Contract Uncertainty
"1. The Hollywood Riviera children are not only a valuable addition to the student body of the Malaga Cove school, but the additional enrollment builds up the class average to between 20 and 25, which is considered to be an ideal number of pupils in a class."

"2. The present arrangement whereby the Hollywood Riviera children are permitted to attend Malaga Cove school, is temporary. Each year, an annual contract for each child must be made between the Los Angeles and Palos Verdes School Districts."

(Continued on Page 5)

One 18-Year Registration Period Ending

Young men who were born on or after Nov. 1, 1924 but not after Dec. 31, 1924, must register for Selective Service at the Torrance board's headquarters, 1337 El Prado, by 5 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon.

During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the 18th anniversary of the day of their birth; provided, that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.

Variance Granted Court Builder By City Council

Permission was granted H. Korchak of Los Angeles to construct a six-unit court at 905-09 Sartori ave., with only a 10-foot setback line instead of the 20-foot setback as required by the city engineer's office when the city council Dec. 22 approved the builder's request.

Most of the existing buildings in that block on Sartori do not conform to the 20-foot setback and if Korchak had been required to meet the specification he could not have constructed the court and garages. Other business transacted by the council at the last session of 1942 included the following matters:

Because the wholesaler who supplied the Two Maeks Electric with light globes failed to give satisfactory service, the contract between the city and the General Electric Co., for that commodity was cancelled as of Dec. 31 and a new contract with Westinghouse Electric, with Two Maeks Electric as the local outlet, was approved. The price of the globes remain the same.

Effective Jan. 1 a new working schedule for the fire department giving the days on and off for firemen and providing regular "cover up" service by one employee off duty will be put in use. The schedule, worked out by the Civil Service Board and Fire Chief McMaster, provides that the "cover up" man will be notified by the police department when to report for duty. This will eliminate the need for all firemen off duty rushing to the station when an alarm sounds.

The proposed change in the Fire and Police Civil Service rules to conform to other Civil Service regulations, as suggested by the Civil Service Board, was opposed by a petition signed by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, Police Chief John Stroth and all members of their departments. They contended that their Civil Service regulations were separate and distinct from other Civil Service control. No action was taken by the council on the Board's request for the change.

The full cost to the city of the \$177,000 Vista Highlands sewer completed last March as a WPA project was \$6,657.70. This was disclosed following receipt of a check for \$3,752.92 from County Sanitation District No. 5 as payment in full of the city's rebate on its expenses in connection with the improvement.

Approprations approved included: \$60 for 200 grevillea trees and \$200 for a rear axle and housing for a municipal bus.

Adequate Supply
"Everyone will not get as much of every kind of food as he or she wants. There may be as much pleasure in eating but there will be enough for an adequate and healthy diet.

"Canned fruits and vegetables and dried fruits are among the foods most needed by our fighting men and our allies. Next year half our production of dried fruit will go abroad to save shipping space.

"Nearly half our production of canned fruit and vegetables will go to our boys in service, mainly in this country. Now our production of processed fruits and vegetables is larger than it ever..."

(Continued on Page 5)

Government May Lease Apartment For War Workers

Information that the National Housing Authority is seriously considering taking over the El Prado Apartments to house war workers for the duration under government lease was received Tuesday by Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator. The NHA has made a survey of the apartment structure, closed since it was badly damaged by the Nov. 14, 1941 earthquake. The authorities believe it can be reconstructed into 43 light housekeeping or lodging rooms.

War Bond Drive To Name Bomber Nears Deadline

Only 25 days remain in which to buy War Bonds and Stamps before Feb. 1 deadline when the campaign to raise \$175,000 in Torrance for the purchase of a medium bomber will close.

It's 25 days and goal to go. If there is no slackening of that willing spirit that has already been shown, Torrance will dash into the end zone with yards—and Bonds—to spare.

Already the sales have mounted to more than \$100,000 from the daily sales at the booths in the Torrance National Bank and the Bank of America, at the postoffice and from payroll deductions at local industrial plants.

Qualified for Torney
According to J. Hugh Sherley, chairman of the Torrance drive, this city has earned the right to be represented in the mythical Tournament of Bonds which is taking the place of Pasadena's floral parade this year.

This city entered this contest Nov. 23, with a quota of \$73,800 to be raised by Dec. 23, and is well over the top.

Now all that remains is to raise the remainder of the \$175,000 quota which will give Torrance the right to name its bomber the "City of Torrance."

Motorists Should Have Their Tires Inspected Now

Approximately 3,500 Southern California tire inspection stations are now ready, willing, and able to inspect the 1,524,938 passenger cars and the 205,218 trucks and other commercial vehicles in this area, was the report today from Fred Yerger, OPA State organization officer.

"We have more than 3,500 inspectors already appointed, and now we are in the process of qualifying a large additional group," Yerger said.

Yerger warned drivers not to wait until deadline date, Jan. 31, to receive inspection clearance, but to do it now. All holders of A, B, or C books must have their tires on their cars inspected. The portion of the original gasoline rationing application which bears the serial numbers of the five tires on the car, must be kept in the car at all times and must be submitted to the tire inspector, Yerger said.

Apply for Re-Caps
The tire inspector's job is to see that the driver gets the best possible use out of his tires. He checks possible need for repairs before neglect ruins a tire. He also determines possible need for replacement or recapping.

A standard charge of 25 cents per passenger car has been established, provided the wheels do not have to be removed. When tires have to be dismantled for inspection, a charge of 50 cents may be made. The deadline on inspection of truck and other commercial vehicle tires is Jan. 15.

Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance Rationing Board, today said that when an inspection proves a tire needs re-capping, the owner should apply at once for a re-cap order from the local ration board.

Authorized the inspection in Torrance include: Firestone Stores, Marcelina at Cravens; Art Sullivan, Carson at Border; Page's Service, 1601 Carson; A. F. "Pinky" Palmer, Carson at Arlington; C. B. Mitchell, Standard Stations Inc., 1906 Carson; Harvel's Goodrich Tire Store, 1530 Cravens; Colton Gilmore Service, Torrance Blvd. at Portola, and Rodger's Service, 2121 Carson at El Prado.

Firestone Stores and Harvel's are authorized to inspect both trucks and passenger car tires. \$25 bills forfeited.

War Bond Drive To Name Bomber Nears Deadline

Only 25 days remain in which to buy War Bonds and Stamps before Feb. 1 deadline when the campaign to raise \$175,000 in Torrance for the purchase of a medium bomber will close.

It's 25 days and goal to go. If there is no slackening of that willing spirit that has already been shown, Torrance will dash into the end zone with yards—and Bonds—to spare.

Already the sales have mounted to more than \$100,000 from the daily sales at the booths in the Torrance National Bank and the Bank of America, at the postoffice and from payroll deductions at local industrial plants.

Qualified for Torney
According to J. Hugh Sherley, chairman of the Torrance drive, this city has earned the right to be represented in the mythical Tournament of Bonds which is taking the place of Pasadena's floral parade this year.

This city entered this contest Nov. 23, with a quota of \$73,800 to be raised by Dec. 23, and is well over the top.

Now all that remains is to raise the remainder of the \$175,000 quota which will give Torrance the right to name its bomber the "City of Torrance."

Motorists Should Have Their Tires Inspected Now

Approximately 3,500 Southern California tire inspection stations are now ready, willing, and able to inspect the 1,524,938 passenger cars and the 205,218 trucks and other commercial vehicles in this area, was the report today from Fred Yerger, OPA State organization officer.

"We have more than 3,500 inspectors already appointed, and now we are in the process of qualifying a large additional group," Yerger said.

Yerger warned drivers not to wait until deadline date, Jan. 31, to receive inspection clearance, but to do it now. All holders of A, B, or C books must have their tires on their cars inspected. The portion of the original gasoline rationing application which bears the serial numbers of the five tires on the car, must be kept in the car at all times and must be submitted to the tire inspector, Yerger said.

Apply for Re-Caps
The tire inspector's job is to see that the driver gets the best possible use out of his tires. He checks possible need for repairs before neglect ruins a tire. He also determines possible need for replacement or recapping.

A standard charge of 25 cents per passenger car has been established, provided the wheels do not have to be removed. When tires have to be dismantled for inspection, a charge of 50 cents may be made. The deadline on inspection of truck and other commercial vehicle tires is Jan. 15.

Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance Rationing Board, today said that when an inspection proves a tire needs re-capping, the owner should apply at once for a re-cap order from the local ration board.

Authorized the inspection in Torrance include: Firestone Stores, Marcelina at Cravens; Art Sullivan, Carson at Border; Page's Service, 1601 Carson; A. F. "Pinky" Palmer, Carson at Arlington; C. B. Mitchell, Standard Stations Inc., 1906 Carson; Harvel's Goodrich Tire Store, 1530 Cravens; Colton Gilmore Service, Torrance Blvd. at Portola, and Rodger's Service, 2121 Carson at El Prado.

Firestone Stores and Harvel's are authorized to inspect both trucks and passenger car tires. \$25 bills forfeited.

Warning Given on Hoarding

Samuel Leask, Jr., Southern California director of OPA, has appealed to housewives and other food purchasers to refrain from hoarding canned, dried and frozen fruits and vegetables pending the inauguration of rationing of such foods about Feb. 1.

"The logic of fair and proper distribution of these commodities should be apparent to everyone," he declared, "and I sincerely hope there will be no rush of purchasers which will only make the task harder for all concerned."

The OPA warned that in registering for the new ration book, consumers will have to declare all rationed fruits and vegetables in their cupboards and that stamps will be deducted accordingly. Penalties are provided for false declarations.

The agency appealed "to every citizen to understand, first, that he must play fair with the nation's food supply; second, that there is no justification for rushing out to the nearest grocery and stocking up; third, that whatever foods to be rationed which he has on hand he will have to declare before getting a ration book."

splnach, tomatoes, tomato cat-soup and chili sauce, tomato juice, all other tomato products, all other canned and bottled vegetables, vegetable juices and combinations.